

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: ABBOTT SPINE

Application No./Patent No.: See Attachment A Filed/Issue Date: See Attachment A

Entitled: See Attachment A

ABBOTT SPINE, a corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or  
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_ %)

In the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☐ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_, or for which a copy therefore is attached.

OR

- B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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☐ As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.

[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO. See MPEP 302.03]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Todd Dawson  
Signature

Todd Dawson

Printed or Typed Name

Vice President, Global Intellectual Property, Zimmer, Inc.  
signing on behalf of wholly owned subsidiary Abbott Spine

Title

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Date

(574) 372-4281  
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# ATTACHMENT A

Application No.	Reel/Frame Inventor(s) to Spinal Concepts	Reel/Frame Spinal Concepts to Abbott Spine Inc.	SIPLG Docket No.
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**ASSIGNMENT**

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Spinal Concepts, Inc. (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at 5301 Riata Park Court, Bldg F, Austin, Texas 78727 the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, Serial No. 10/699,618 filed on October 31, 2003, and is entitled **"MOVABLE DISC IMPLANT"**, such application and all nonprovisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT that, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements and for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

(Signature) David J. Krueger  
Name: David J. Krueger

Date: 19 FEB 2004

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 19th day of February, 2004, personally appeared David J. Krueger, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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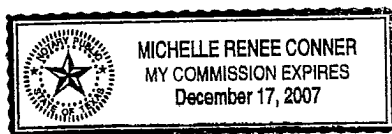
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(Signature) Erik J. Wagner  
Name: Erik J. Wagner

Date: 2-19-04

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 19 day of February, 2004, personally appeared Erik J. Wagner, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledge to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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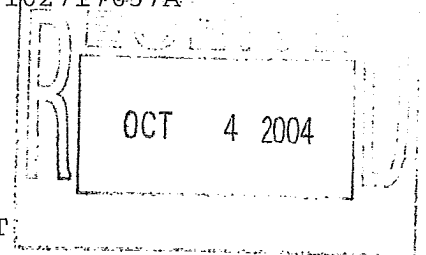
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